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COMMENT OF THE DAY

A Simple Mandate

NINE candidates are in the field for election to two vacancies on the Urban Council. This is an acceptable example of the growing consciousness of civic responsibility which will probably be appreciated as much by Government (and in turn Whitehall) as by the general public. With so many candidates appealing to the limited electorate for support the voting is bound to be considerably split and a close result may eventuate. Although it is not provided for, the situation almost calls for preferential voting. If first preferences are widely scattered it is doubtful whether any candidate can secure election by a clear majority over all opponents. In which case second and third preferences would be a more faithful guide to majority opinion. Government might still consider that the preferential voting system would be more satisfactory in an election of this nature. There is no insurmountable difficulty in applying it.

WHAT has now to be demonstrated is the amount of interest which those who are qualified to vote show in the election on polling day. An apathetic response to this opportunity of exercising the franchise will do no good to the cause of constitutional reform in Hongkong. By the same token a good turnout of voters will provide the Authorities with solid evidence that the community is interested in a greatly extended franchise and is prepared to make the best use of it. The Urban Council election can be regarded as a proving ground of the civic-mindedness of at least a section of the community, and a valuable pointer to the awareness of the privilege of the vote.

WHILE campaigning for support is an essential ingredient of any election, it is idle for any of the candidates to look for a mandate for the reconstitution of the Urban Council. By the nature of its duties the Urban Council has to remain unspectacular. Members have to concentrate largely on humdrum and unromantic subjects such as sewers, slaughter houses, eating houses, hawkers, and markets, none of which lends itself to flights of oratory or intense public debate. The principal requirement of any member of the Urban Council is that he applies himself to tedious but important committee work conscientiously, and bearing in mind always the interests of the community. The insignificant duties of the Council cannot be ignored for the bigger subjects, such as resettlement of squatters, increased social amenities for the inhabitants, and the development of residential building sites. The mandate which the voters will have in mind is that whichever of the candidates are elected they shall do a sound and diligent job of work on behalf of the whole, and not, any special section, of the community.

Poison Gas Kills Soviet Scientists

Berlin, May 7. Two Russian scientists and a German assistant, experimenting with poison gas at a former Wehrmacht test plant in East Germany have been killed by hydrocyanic acid fumes, the West German newspaper Die Welt reported today.

It identified the German victim of the hushed up accident as Otto Goerlich and one of the dead Russians as Dr. Lony Sergiev. —United Press.

Truman Takes Strong Stand

Next Step Up To UN Says Nam II

Tokyo, May 8. The chief Communist truce delegate, North Korean General Nam II, in a truce talks statement quoted by Peking Radio last night said, "We have exhausted all our efforts. The next step in the negotiations lies completely with your side" (United Nations).

The statement said that the Communists were prepared conditionally to drop Russia from the list of inspectors nations. It deprecated the United Nations' concession on the airfields question and claimed that the United Nations had "gone back on its word" in promising the return of only 70,000 prisoners to the Communists.

The statement said that the Communists would agree to reduce the armistice inspection nations to four "if you accept our present compromise proposal of prisoners of war." —Reuter.

FATE OF TALKS IN BALANCE

Tokyo, May 8. The fate of the Korean truce talks apparently hangs today on the future of those Communists who are behind barred wire.

After almost 10 months of negotiation a single issue blocked overall agreement, according to a United Nations spokesman.

The United Nations Commander, General Matthew B. Ridgway, said yesterday that the United Nations had reached "the limit" in offering the Communists a list of 70,000 prisoners. He said that these were all the prisoners the United Nations had found would not "actually forcibly resist" being sent back to the Communists.

If the Communists accepted this number, he said, then the United Nations would agree to drop a ban on rebuilding airfields during an armistice.

In its "overall solution," however, the United Nations continued to ignore the Communist request that Russia become an inspector of the truce operation.

But according to United Nations spokesmen at Panmunjom the Communists had made a conditional offer to delete the name of Russia from the panel of inspectors nations.

The condition was said to be that the United Nations must return 132,000 prisoners included in a United Nations list handed to the Communists last December.

Both sides said that their concessions were dependent on a settlement of the prisoner question.

Officials of the United Nations camps have reported that thousands of former Communist subjects do not want to go home because they fear reprisals, have learned to prefer Democracy and balk at the idea of spending more years in Communist armies. —Reuter.

On Truce Talks

FORCED REPATRIATION OF POWs REFUSED

Ridgway's 3 Points Must Be Wholly Accepted

Washington, May 7. President Truman today flatly rejected the Communist demand for "forced repatriation" of Allied prisoners of war in Korea.

Mr. Truman said this country unqualifiedly supports the armistice proposal submitted by General Matthew Ridgway. "We will not buy an armistice by turning over human beings for slaughter or slavery," the President said.

He listed three points proposed by Gen. Ridgway:

1. "That there shall not be forced repatriation of prisoners of war as the Communists have insisted."
2. "That the United Nations Command will not insist on prohibiting the reconstruction or rehabilitation of airfields."
3. "That the neutral nations supervisory commission should comprise representatives of four countries, Poland and Czechoslovakia chosen by the Communists; and Sweden and Switzerland chosen by the United Nations Command."

He said these three points had to be accepted as a whole if the Communists expect to reach an armistice agreement with this country.

"The United States fully approves and supports without qualification the proposal for reaching an armistice which General Matthew Ridgway has offered to the Communists aggressors in Korea," President Truman said in a special statement issued to reporters at the White House.

Mr. Truman reported that after many trying months of negotiations, tentative agreement has been reached on all but three issues.

Mr. Truman said, "It is now apparent that the three remaining issues cannot be resolved separately. The United Nations Command proposal offers an opportunity to resolve these three issues together and simultaneously."

THE FIRST TIME

This was the first time Mr. Truman has spoken publicly in the armistice negotiations. He has taken the position recently that anything said in Washington might upset the armistice negotiations.

Today, however, the President spoke out in a strongly worded statement, particularly referring to this country's refusal to permit forced repatriation of prisoners.

He said this would be "unthinkable." He said it would be in contrast to the "fundamental moral and humanitarian principles" which the Allies are fighting for in Korea.

To return these prisoners of war in our hands by force would result in misery and bloodshed to eternal dishonor of the United States and the United Nations," he added.

Most of the prisoners involved are North Koreans and the United States has taken the position that these prisoners should not be forced to return to areas of Communist control against their will. Diplomatic and military officials said earlier that Gen. Ridgway's proposal was

"final and would not be compromised."

Mr. Truman said the United Nations Command has exercised extreme care in separating those prisoners who said they would forcibly oppose to return to Communist control. "We have offered to submit to impartial screening—after an armistice of those persons who would hold in our custody," said Mr. Truman.

PARTS OF A WHOLE

The President said, "The three parts of General Ridgway's proposal are all parts of a whole. They must be considered as entirely not piecemeal. Our agreement is contingent upon acceptance of the whole proposal. This is our position. The Communists thus far have indicated only willingness to withdraw their proposal that the USSR be a member of the neutral inspection commission. This spurious issue was raised by them late in the negotiations and its withdrawal was no real concession on their part."

He said the patience and understanding shown by Gen. Ridgway and the UN Command negotiators "merit the highest praise."

The Chief Executive said, "In spite of almost overwhelming provocation they made real progress in reaching an agreement on many substantial terms for an armistice. General Ridgway's proposals offer a sensible way to settle the remaining issues all at once. It will have a compelling appeal to those sincerely desiring peace." —United Press.

BUSINESS BEGINS TO LOOK UP AT HONGKONG STAND

(From Our Own Correspondent)

London, May 7. After a rather quiet opening, business representatives on the Hongkong stand at the British Industries Fair report a marked quickening of interest in almost all the Colony's manufactured goods.

"Judging by the number of enquiries we've been receiving I should say we shall do almost as well this year as we've done in previous years," said Mr. E.G.A. Grimwood, Director of the Hongkong Government Office in London.

But, he added, the Fair itself is a good deal smaller than it was last year and there are fewer buyers about.

There is, too, a marked difference in the type of question being asked by prospective buyers. In the past they have been particularly concerned with delivery dates. Now, however, the price is the all-important consideration.

Fortunately Hongkong dealers are able to quote prices for most types of light manufactured articles appreciably below those asked by British manufacturers. Even so, however, some of their prices are still too high—especially when it is considered that the purchase tax, often at two-thirds, must be added to the price before the goods can be sold in British markets.

Enquiries from prospective buyers are fairly well spread over the whole range of the Colony's products. Textiles still appear to be in demand despite the present trade recession.

Enquiries have been made by Continental and Commonwealth buyers, and Mr. Charles D. Sillas, of the Nanyang Cotton



British POWs To Share Jap Asset

London, May 7. Britain will divide pre-War II Japanese assets among former prisoners of war associations as soon as the assets become available, a Treasury spokesman said today.

The spokesman said an administrative officer had been appointed by the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, to collect and realize Japanese assets. He said distribution of the assets would be to benevolent organizations rather than to individuals, but he indicated that the organizations concerned would be those whose membership consisted of former prisoners of war and civilian intimates of the Japanese.

The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Anthony Nutting, said in the House of Commons on March 3 that the Government intended to distribute realized Japanese assets to organizations rather than to individuals.

He was replying to a question from a Labour Member which drew attention to the Australian Government's distribution of former Japanese assets to individual former prisoners of war. —United Press.

Vandenberg Has Serious Operation

Washington, May 7. General Hoyt Vandenberg, Air Force Chief of Staff, underwent a serious abdominal operation today.

The Air Secretary, Mr. Thomas Finletter, said General Vandenberg was resting comfortably. He added that the general probably would be in hospital for about two weeks. —United Press.

Cholera Epidemic

Calcutta, May 7. Cholera claimed 180 lives in Calcutta last week, the largest weekly toll since the epidemic broke out in March. The health authorities blame the outbreak on an inadequate supply of filtered water in the slum areas. —Reuter.

Win George Medal



Two Hongkong police officers—Det. Sub-Inspector J. Hidden and Det. Constable Chow Fook—have been awarded the George Medal for bravery in the line of duty.

Above, Mr. Hidden (right) is congratulated by a colleague, Inspector Harvey, when the news of the award was made public yesterday. Left, Detective Chow Fook. Pictures by staff photographer.

Oil Tanker Explodes

Chelsea, Mass., May 7. Many people were injured in an explosion aboard an oil tanker here today.

Ambulances were called from neighbouring communities to remove the casualties.

Three of the crew were critically injured.

The burst hurried the superstructure into the street 100 yards away.

As the rest of the small American craft sank, pedestrians narrowly escaped injury when wreckage showered the street. The concussion was felt 15 miles away. —Reuter.

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Churchill's Ministerial Reshuffle

THREE NEW PRIVY COUNCILLORS

London, May 7. Mr. Alan Lennox Boyd, Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, becomes Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation in a ministerial reshuffle announced by the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, tonight.

Mr. Iain MacLeod becomes Minister of Health in place of Mr. Harry Crookshank, and Mr. Henry L. Hopkinson, Minister of State for Overseas Trade, becomes Minister of State for the Colonies.

Mr. Crookshank, who has had the joint duties of Minister of the House of Commons and Minister of Health, has handed over his ministry. He will remain as Leader of the House of Commons and take the titular appointment of Lord Privy Seal.

The Marquess of Salisbury, Lord Privy Seal and Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, has tendered his resignation, as Lord Privy Seal. He continues in the Commonwealth Relations office and he will remain Leader of the House of Lords.

No new appointment has yet been made for the post of Secretary of Overseas Trade.

The announcement said the Queen had created three new Privy Councillors. They are Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. MacLeod and Mr. John Maclean, whose resignation as Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation was announced last night.

None of the new ministers will be members of the Cabinet. —Reuter.

Ship Emits Too Much Smoke

New York, May 7. The French liner pleaded guilty today to a charge that the liner Ile de France made excessive smoke in harbour on April 7 and was fined \$25 in what was considered a test case for offences of this kind.

After the decision in the Municipal Court, Deputy Director William Maxwell, of New York's Bureau of Smoke Control, agreed it was a test decision and said the decision "upholds the constitutionality of the Bureau of Smoke Control."

Fined in similar cases were the Argentine State Line and a local lighting company.

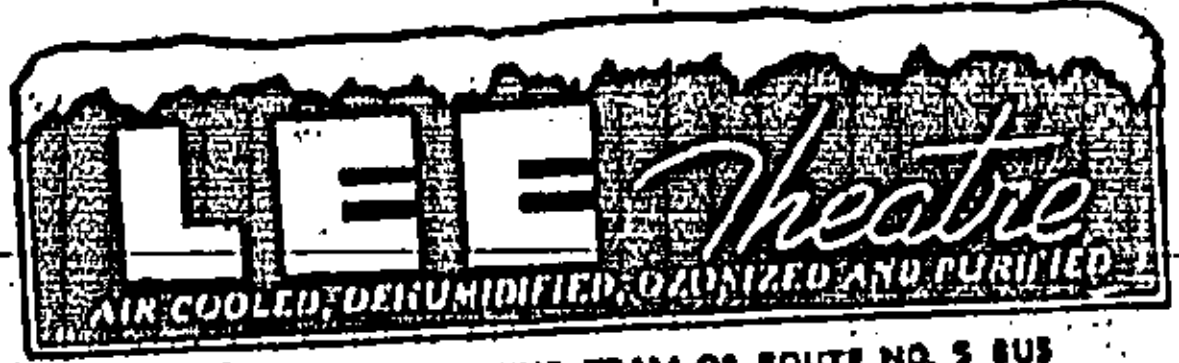
Mr. Maxwell said major foreign companies have been using every loophole to delay taking any action. This ruling makes clear the Bureau's rules and regulations apply to all violators. —Associated Press.

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French Make Gesture To The Nationalists In Tunisia Ex-Premier Freed



Libya has changed its currency from MAL (Military Administration Lire) to Libyan pounds, and this is one of those rare occasions when the old saying "Money to burn" comes true, for the Bank officials in the picture, clad only in singlets and trousers, are burning the MAL currency in the furnaces of Tripoli's General Hospital. The four officials destroyed 225,375 in one day, and expect to take 10 days, using four furnaces, to complete the work.—Express photo.

World Federation Of Journalists Comes Into Being

Brussels, May 7.
An International Federation of Journalists from the free world officially came into being in Brussels today.
The Federation was formed when an international congress of free journalists unanimously adopted a constitution establishing a free world international organisation of newspapermen.

The Congress groups 57 delegates from 17 nations. These are: Belgium, Denmark, United States, France, Britain, Japan, Norway, Holland, Sweden, Switzerland, Cuba, Austria, Spain, Canada, Greece, Mexico and West Germany.
The Congress voted a seven-point statement on its aims and objectives:
1. To safeguard the freedom of the Press;
2. To take action against any threats to the rights and liberties of journalists and of the Press;
3. To promote relations between member unions which will guarantee good-will and assistance to journalists who may be travelling in the territory of a member union;

4. Collect professional information regarding employment conditions, contracts and union benefits from affiliated unions;
5. Collect and publish statistical information useful to the profession;
6. Consider questions which arise regarding all relations between journalists of the world;
7. Defend professional prestige and establish closest relations with the United Nations Organisation.

The newly-adopted constitution defines eligible trade unions (of journalists).
BRITISH CHAIRMAN
"An organisation whose primary function is the service of the moral and material rights of its members and especially collective bargaining. Its membership must be composed of journalists who devote the greater part of their time to the profession of journalism and derive from it most of their income."
The Congress is meeting under the chairmanship of Mr.

Clement J. Bundeck, former General Secretary of the National Union of Journalists of Britain.
Mr Bundeck has been nominated chairman of the new Federation. His election will come tomorrow at the Congress full session.
The Congress is also to choose a seat of the organisation. Brussels is the likely choice.—Associated Press.

Arms Spending Attacked

Canberra, May 7.
The leader of the Australian Labour Party, Mr. Eddie Ward, today said that the £8,000,000 five-year programme of military spending was excessive.
He also demanded suspension of the Australian immigration programme because of the appearance of the first signs of unemployment. He added that certain new Australians were already receiving unemployment benefits.—France-Press.

Resignation Of A Minister

Berlin, May 7.
The American High Commission newspaper, Neue Zeitung, reported today that the Soviet Zone Minister of the Interior, Karl Steinhoff, has resigned from his post for "reasons of health."
The report added that Willi Stoff, prominent member of the Socialist Unity (Communist) Party, is heading the Ministry for the time being. The East Zone Office of Information refused either to confirm or deny the report.—Associated Press.

Paris, May 7.
Tunisia's Nationalist ex-Premier Mohammed Chenik received an enthusiastic welcome from 800 Tunisians on his return to his home near Tunis last night after the French had freed him from 41 days' forced residence in the south.

Despite the short notice of his return, a crowd was waiting at the home at Rades, near the capital, to carry the Nationalist leader shoulder-high through his garden.

Chenik and the three former Nationalist Ministers who were detained in the south with him and also allowed to return home last night, have been asked to refrain from political activity for the present.
They are barred from the capital and from Carthage where the Bey is living, but are free to go anywhere else in Tunisia or to France.
The French Council of Ministers today discussed the situation in Tunisia.
An official spokesman said that the Government now awaited Tunisian nominations of members of the Franco-Tunisian Commission due to start discussions on May 20 on the proposed constitutional reforms in the Protectorate.
It was hoped in Government circles here that the release from forced residence of Nationalist ex-Premier Mohammed Chenik, and three of his former Cabinet colleagues, would create an atmosphere favourable to Premier Salah Eddine Baccouche's endeavours to secure representative Tunisian leaders' opinion as Commission members and subsequently as members of a new and more representative Tunisian Government.

Habib Bourguiba, Secretary-General of the Neo-Destour Nationalist Movement was transferred by air today from Remada, Southern Tunisia, to the island of Gallie, inhabited by 11 Italian fishermen and their families, off the north coast of Tunisia.
MILITARY DECISION
At the same time, three other Neo-Destour organisers in forced residence at Remada were transferred to the island of Djerba.
Bourguiba, a life-long extreme Nationalist, has been many times a prisoner of the French. The French Resident-General, M. Haulicque, questioned today about the transfer of Bourguiba, said that in the case of a military extremist it was General Antoine Garbay, commanding the French forces now maintaining a state of siege, who decided on measures to be taken.
Bourguiba's case did not come into the same category as that of political representatives like Chenik, he said.
About 1,000 Tunisians still restricted to the interior of Tunisia for participation in disturbances may be transferred in the near future to more populous areas in the north, according to a statement by General Garbay to two French Socialist deputies who are now visiting Tunisia.
The release of the ex-Ministers alone did not seem likely to produce Tunisian co-operation in the Reform Commission, judging from a declaration by Farhat Hached's Trade Union Federation publicly stating its hostility to French policy and according no confidence to the projected reforms envisaged.—Reuter.

Carbines For Malaya

Singapore, May 7.
Twelve thousand American carbines and 4,000,000 rounds of ammunition have been ordered for the Malay Federation police to use in their fight against the Communists, officials announced today.
The Federal Legislative Council approved 4,500,000 Malaysian dollars for the purchase of arms and equipment.
Over 150 motor cars were also ordered to reinforce the present police cars.—United Press.

RAF SHOW PACES ON GROUND

Catterick, May 7.
A team of four men, after only ten days' training, set up a three-inch mortar in quick time at Catterick today and put five bombs into the air at one time.
This was part of a show that the Royal Air Force Regiment staged at their depot for their Commandant-General, Air Vice-Marshal S. Stratford, and Press representatives.
The RAF has been told it must be generally responsible for the defence of its own airfields and other establishments against ground attacks. Consequently the RAF Regiment is training N.C.O.'s and instructors to lead defence forces from RAF rank and file.
In other demonstrations at the depot today, N.C.O.'s, using an Ensign grenade for the first time, scored a hit on a tank 75 yards away.
The little grenade, weighing 21 ounces and fired from an ordinary service rifle, can be adapted for use in seconds. It services the latest tank killer.
An impressive show was the "panic drill" of RAF ground crews and air crews who, after working on planes until the last possible minute, formed themselves quickly into ground defence teams.
In another demonstration National Servicemen, with the aid of mortar fire and smoke-cerecres, quickly cleared a wood into which an enemy force had penetrated to invade an airfield.—Reuter.

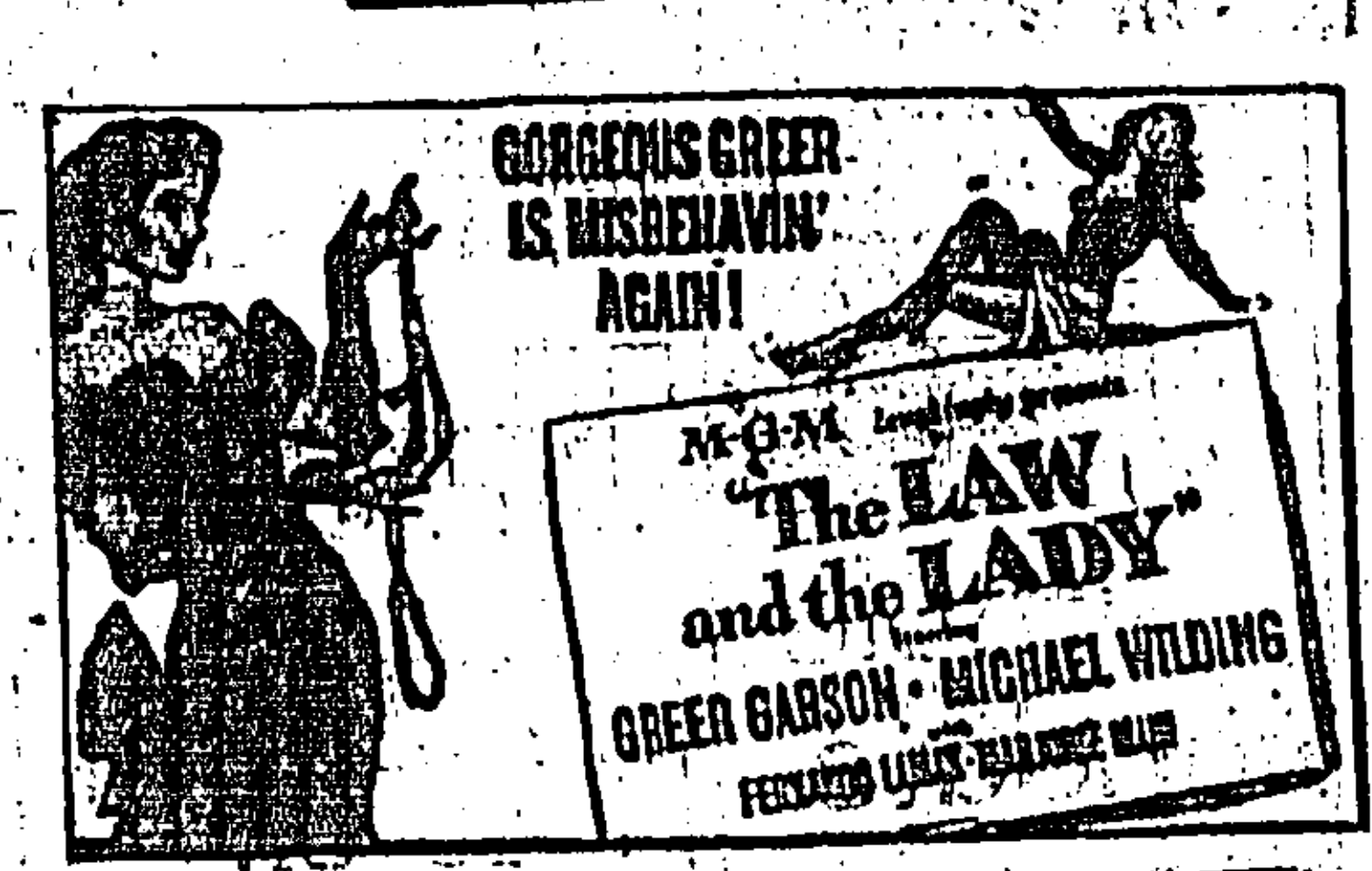
A TREAT FOR LONDONERS

London, May 7.
Thousands of Londoners and overseas visitors got a foretaste today of the pageantry of next month's Trooping of the Colour when the Buckingham Palace Guard was mounted on the Horse Guards Parade.
Normally the ceremonial preceding the Guard changing takes place in barracks. It is being held on the Horse Guards Parade on each alternate day in May. The full ceremony took an hour.
Taking the salute on horseback was Lieut-Colonel R. E. Cameron, Commanding Officer of the 2nd Scots Guards.—Reuter.

COUNTERFEITING TRIAL BEGINS

Munich, May 7.
Five persons pleaded innocent in a U.S. District Court today to charges of being members of what authorities say is Europe's biggest post-war counterfeiting ring.
About \$10,000,000 in forged \$10 military scrip notes was confiscated at the time of their arrest shortly before Easter. Alexander Zerbko and his wife, the alleged ringleaders, were held on bail of almost \$150,000.—Associated Press.

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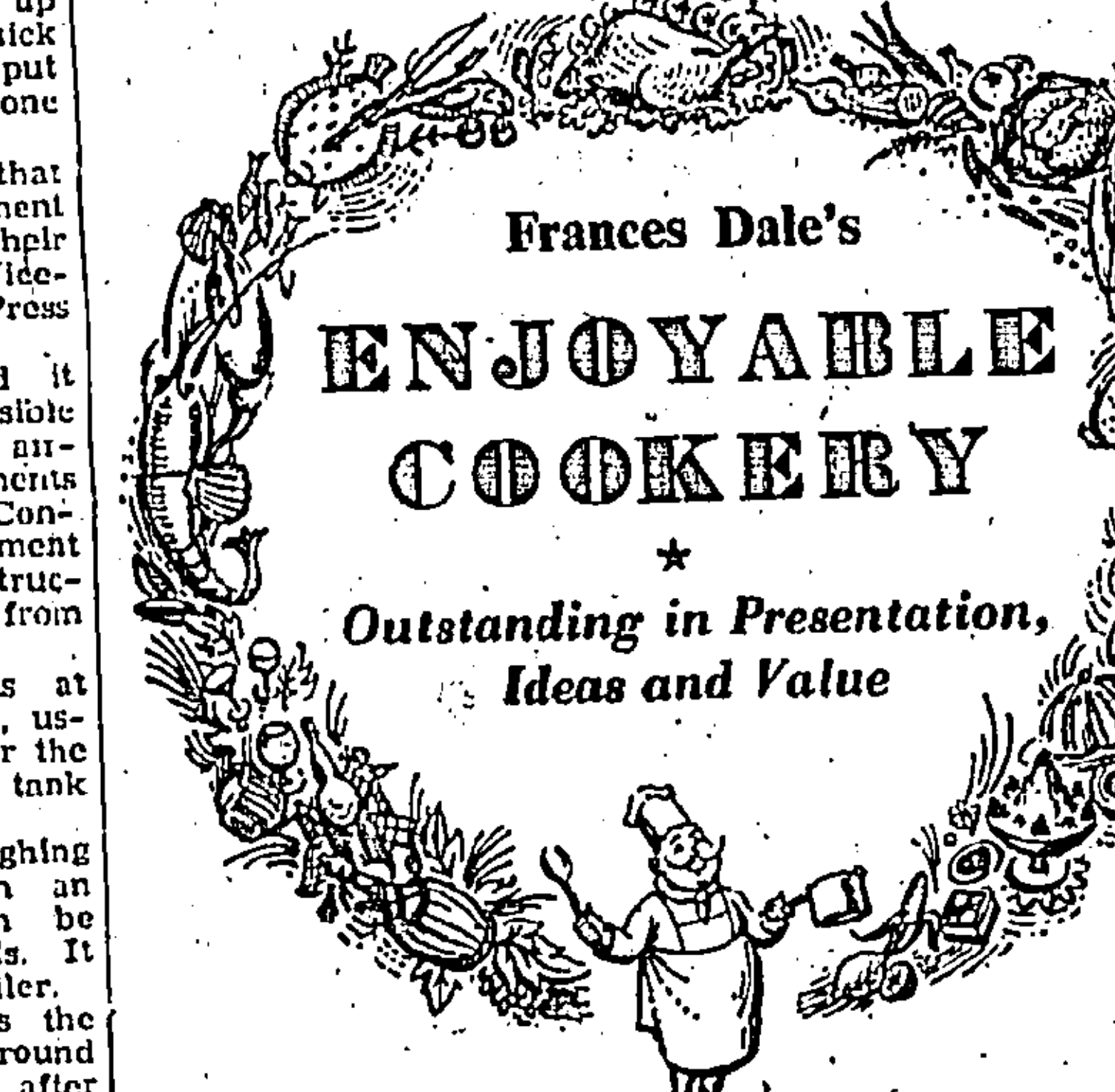
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NATO Chief
In Paris

M. Vincent Auriol, the French President (left) chatting with Lord Ismay, newly appointed Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, which he received him in Paris. Lord Ismay was formerly British Minister for Commonwealth Relations. —Central Press.

Ex-Cabinet
Minister
Calls Strike

Calcutta, May 7. A one-day general strike called by a former Indian Cabinet Minister today paralysed Calcutta's transport system.

A citizens committee, headed by Dr S. P. Mukherjee, President of the Indian People's Party, called the strike in protest against "truncations" of the East Indian Railway and the location of the North Eastern Zonal Railway headquarters in a district considered to be unsatisfactory.

The partition of India involved the splitting of three major railway systems in the west and northeast.

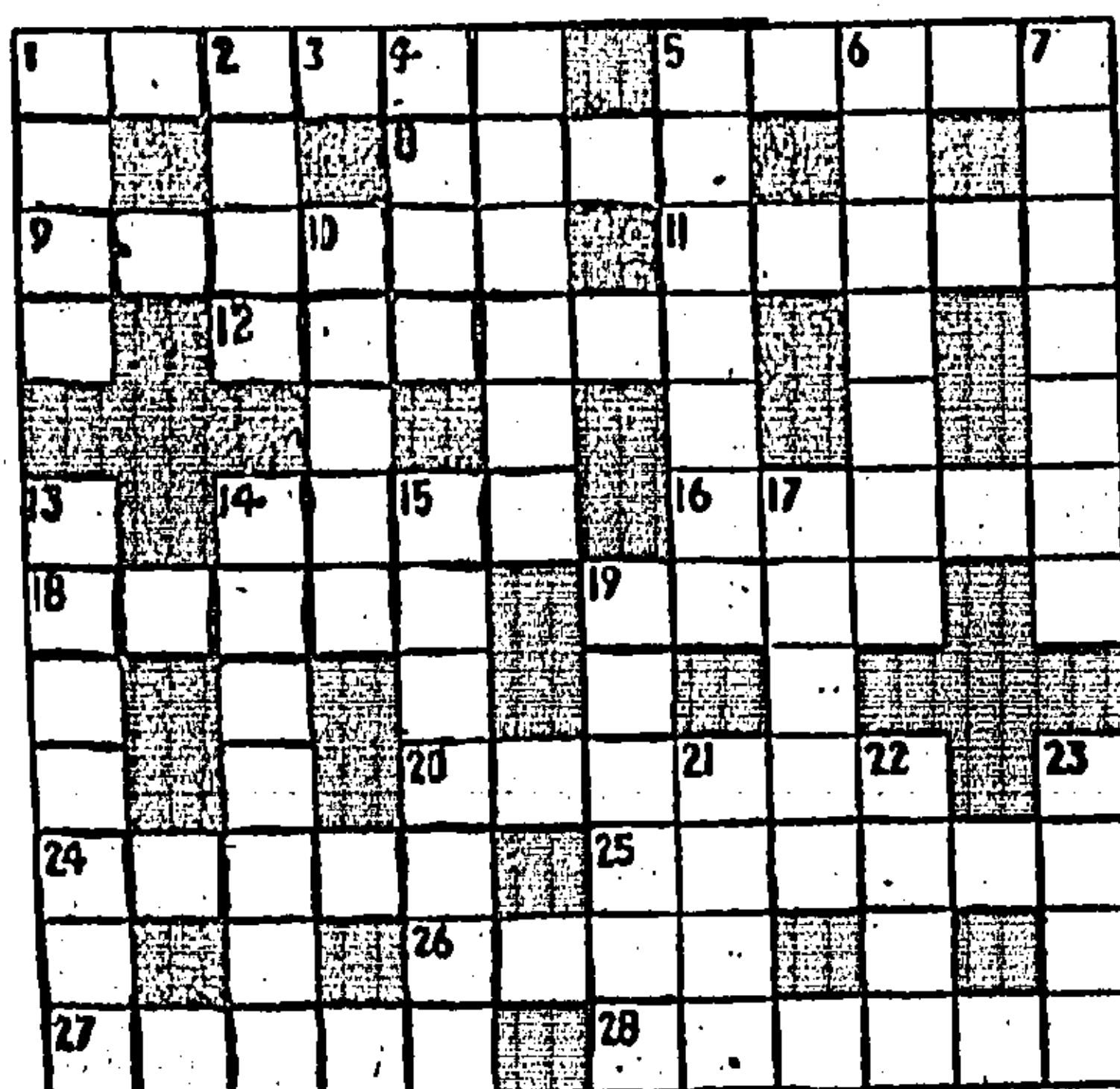
Recently, the single network which was created was divided into six compact zones.

The North Eastern Zonal Railway was inaugurated on April 14. —Reuters.

Intelligence Chief

London, May 7. Air Vice-Marshal Francis Fraser, who has been appointed Chief of Air Intelligence, one of Britain's top secret military posts, the Air Ministry announced today. —United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Renovate (6).
- 5 Insects (5).
- 8 Transaction (4).
- 9 Fire-arm (6).
- 11 Smithy equipment (5).
- 12 Special aptitude (6).
- 13 Beverages (4).
- 14 Proclamation (5).
- 16 Concerning sheep (5).
- 19 Ruled (4).
- 20 Stabbing-weapon (6).
- 24 Keen (5).
- 25 Showy (6).
- 26 Not artificial (4).
- 27 A wood (5).
- 28 Discreet (6).

DOWN

- 1 Absorbed (4).
- 2 Job (4).
- 3 Image (4).
- 4 Soften (6).
- 5 Adulate (7).
- 6 Having no effect (7).
- 7 Pickle (7).
- 10 Claw (5).
- 13 Sweetmeat (7).
- 14 Portrayal (7).
- 15 Boils down (7).
- 17 Submit to (5).
- 18 Mendicant (6).
- 21 Tempest (4).
- 22 Travel on (4).
- 23 Note (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Cobra, 4 Comber, 8 Abated, 10 Ogles, 12 Normal, 14 Profano, 17 Rose, 19 Avicet, 20 Statue, 22 Part, 23 Eastern, 27 Meddlo, 29 Sparo, 30 Sprint, 31 Staple, 32 Acted, Down: 1 Clasp, 2 Bonno, 3 Arena, 5 Atom, 6 Ballot, 7 Rushed, 8 Dagnel, 11 Carrot, 13 Reveals, 16 Rota, 18 Fitter, 18 Seer, 20 Spams, 21 Armada, 24 Sepia, 25 Evict, 26 Noted, 28 Deal.

STILL HOPE FOR A
SETTLEMENT
WITH EGYPT

London, May 7.

There is no indication here today that the Egyptian Government has turned down the latest British proposals for resuming negotiations on the Anglo-Egyptian treaty.

The speech made by the Egyptian Premier, Hilaly Pasha, yesterday, on the anniversary of King Farouk's accession, was well received in London because it gave no intimation of a rejection of British ideas.

British officials were inclined to discount the importance attached by the Press to the meeting yesterday between the Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, and the Egyptian Ambassador, Abdel Fatah Amr Pasha.

They said that this conversation should not be considered as part of the exploratory talks which have been going on in Cairo and London over the past two months and that it was more in the nature of a courtesy call.

The officials said that Amr Pasha was held in very high regard by Mr Churchill and that it was logical that Mr Churchill should take the first opportunity of a general talk on the Anglo-Egyptian situation with the Ambassador to get first-hand impressions of the point of view of the Egyptians.

There was no disposition, however, to discount suggestions that Mr Churchill might have also taken the opportunity to impress on Amr Pasha Britain's desire to develop the wider field of agreement which was said to have been reached during the exploratory talks.

This agreement was understood to have been confined to the defence aspects of Anglo-Egyptian relations which Mr Churchill hoped would not be undermined by a quarrel over the question of King Farouk's title to sovereignty over the Sudan.

Mr Churchill was understood to have pressed for a separation of the Sudan question from that of the future defence of the Suez Canal Zone to remove the suspicion that either was being pushed as a bargaining counter for future negotiations.

ALTERNATIVE BASES

Meanwhile, it is believed that Britain is considering alternative bases to the Suez Canal but that she has not decided whether to settle on a single comparative base or to distribute Canal Zone forces over several smaller bases.

It has been suggested that the Turkish port of Alexandria has entered into considerations not only as an alternative to the Suez Canal Zone but as the headquarters for the projected multi-lateral Middle-East Defence Command.

Alexandretta is situated 150 miles from Cyprus which is an important base in the existing Middle East Command.

Alexandretta is linked by rail with Syria, the Lebanon and Iraq and has a large port in an advanced stage of development, preceding since 1944. Large quantities of prefabricated houses for workers and heavy building equipment were recently reported to be arriving there.

Questions in Parliament yesterday pressed Mr Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, to make a statement on the progress of the Anglo-Egyptian talks but he refused.

SUDANESE ROLE

A Conservative Member, Mr Fitzroy MacLean, asked Mr Eden whether he was aware that while the people of Britain as a whole share his desire for an equitable settlement with Egypt, at the same time he has the support of an overwhelming majority in his refusal to sacrifice the interests of the Sudan in order to obtain this.

Mr Eden replied: "As the discussions which we are having with the Egyptian Government are still only exploratory, I am sure you will understand that I would prefer not to make a statement at present."

Mr Eden said today that the possibility of Sudanese taking part in the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations on Sudan's future had been considered by the British Government.

Mr Phillips Price, Labour, had asked in the House of Commons if he would "consider means by which representative Sudanese could be brought in to take part in the negotiations with Egypt on the future of the Sudan."

Mr Eden replied: "This possibility has been under consideration by the British Government, but I prefer not to make any further statement about it at present."

Mr Price: "Will you bear in mind how desirable it is that the Sudanese should take part as far as possible in these negotiations?"

Mr Eden: "Yes, very much so." —United Press and Reuters.

German Treaty
Prospects

Washington, May 7.

Mr Dean Acheson, the Secretary of State, affirmed at his Press conference today his hopes that the European defence treaty and the German contractual agreements would be signed this month.

Asked if he still expected to visit Europe in May, Mr Acheson replied in the affirmative.

Progress on the two pacts was being made, he remarked, and he had every hope that the documents could be brought to the signing stage in May. —United Press.

Vandenberg
Warning On
Air DangerSOVIET POWER
INCREASING

Washington, May 7.

The American Air Force Commander, General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, believes that within two years Soviet Russia will possess the means of launching a long-range atomic attack against the United States.

Because the Air Force chief is entering a hospital for an operation, his Vice-Chief of Staff, General Nathan F. Twining, read his prepared testimony to the Senate Appropriations Sub-Committee considering new money bills for the Defence Department.

In the prepared statement, General Vandenberg said, "Within two years Soviet Russia will possess the means of launching against this country a long-range atomic attack."

The General considered that while America had been "stretching out and whittling down our air power," the Soviet Union had been building up and expanding her combat air forces.

Even so, he said, the United States still had a slight superiority in her "four long-range bomber forces, combined with our national advantage in atomic weapons."

By 1954, the Air Force head said, "control of the air, with what that implies, will be within the grasp of the Soviet Union."

General Vandenberg said that the House restrictions would delay the delivery of about 3,000 modern aircraft between next January 1 and the middle of 1954 "when, according to all reasonable estimates, this nation will arrive at a point of grave danger."

"That the cost of controlling the air is high, we have discovered to our dismay. But what we are apparently forgetting is the bitter lesson learned by Germany and Japan in the last war—and that is the immeasurably greater cost of losing control of the air." —Reuters.

Pilgrimage To
Mecca

Singapore, May 8.

A total of 5,700 pilgrims from Singapore, Malaya, North Borneo, Sarawak and Brunei are expected to sail for Mecca this year.

A spokesman for the Moslem Advisory Board said strict measures would be carried out prior to sailing to avoid, as far as possible, deaths or births among pilgrims. The number of pilgrims is the highest so far.

Mecca pilgrimages from this area in the past have been marked by disease and deaths among pilgrims. —Associated Press.

A MOVIE STAR
IN COURT

Leni Riefenstahl, famous German film actress and producer, sits in a Berlin court and hears herself freed on charges alleging collaboration with the Nazis. —Express Photo.

Royal Commission
On Marriage To
Start Hearings

London, May 7.

A Royal Commission on marriage and divorce is starting public sessions in a few days to hear the personal stories of over 200 unhappy husbands and wives who have volunteered to give evidence.

The public sittings begin at a time when wedlock and its relationship with the law has become a major topic of discussion in Britain, with powerful organisations fighting for reforms to fit their own beliefs.

Appointed last August under the Chairmanship of Lord Morton of Henryton, the Commission is seeking to determine how far the State should intervene in troubles between husband and wife.

So far its 11 male and seven female members have worked in private, studying and sifting 2,000 letters from men and women who related their own marriage experiences.

Another big item before them has been nearly 200 memoranda from persons and organisations with strong views on marriage.

The Commission is also investigating marriage laws in the Commonwealth and other countries overseas with a view to discovering whether practice there could be applied in Britain.

Among the lengthy documents which the Royal Commission studied during the winter was a 14-page memorandum from the Married Women's Association, which declared emphatically that wilfully inefficient housewives should be punishable by law.

The memorandum also urged a fixed personal allowance for wives in proportion to their husbands' salaries and wanted it laid down that both partners should be obliged to disclose all personal debts and assets before marriage, and that a wife with money of her own should contribute to the household expenses.

Another long memorandum, from the Marriage Law Reform Society, agreed with the doctors that divorce by consent should be legalised. Damage claims for adultery, it added, should be abolished.

Yugoslavian
Emigres
Going Home

London, May 7.

The first group of Yugoslav emigres to return to Yugoslavia from Britain will leave London on Thursday in a Yugoslav ship.

The group consists of nine Yugoslavs, headed by Lt-Col. Strelin Petrovich, an officer of the old Royalist Yugoslav Army.

The emigres responded to an appeal made last January by the Yugoslav Minister of the Interior, Alexander Rankovich. He said then that the Government would offer work and security to all Yugoslavs abroad who wished to return.

He added, however, that people who had been actively hostile to the new Yugoslav Government or who were accused of war crimes would not be welcome. —United Press.

Taft And Kefauver Take
Lead In Race
For Nomination

New York, May 7.

Senators Robert Taft and Estes Kefauver went into the lead today in the Republican and Democratic races for the presidential nomination with victories in the Ohio primaries.

But Senator Kefauver's advance was checked somewhat by a narrow defeat, his first after eight successive victories in State primaries, at the hands of Senator Richard Russell in the popularity contest in Florida.

In the Florida primaries Senator Kefauver found himself opposing the South's own candidate in Senator Russell.

The results from 1,398 of the 1,682 precincts gave Senator Russell 201,418 votes to Senator Kefauver's 252,400.

The conservative elements in the rural strongholds of Florida, particularly in the northern part, which borders on Senator Russell's home State, stood by Senator Russell and enabled him to build up a steadily growing majority.

Senator Taft, in a clean sweep of his home State, won all the 59 delegates in Ohio who will be sent to the Republican national convention in July.

Unofficial tabulations credited Senator Taft with 332 pledged convention delegates to General Eisenhower's 281.

AN UPSET

General Eisenhower was not entered in the Ohio primary and write-in votes were not allowed.

Senator Kefauver upset the Ohio Democratic Party machine which opposed him by winning at least 18 convention delegates.

He made a bid for only 31 of the 34 delegates and the indications were that when returns were complete he would win most of them.

The Ohio victory was certain to put Senator Kefauver ahead of Mr Averell Harriman in the Democratic race.

Before the Ohio primaries, Mr Harriman, Mutual Security Administration, had only 12 more delegates than Senator Kefauver.

STASSEN SWAMPED: Senator Taft's only opponent was former Minnesota Governor Harold Stassen and he was swamped.

Most of Mr Stassen's Ohio candidates had said that they would support General Eisenhower for his second choice for the nomination if they were elected.

FIGL IN
BRITAIN

London, May 7.

The Austrian Chancellor, Dr Leopold Figl, arrived here today on an official four-day visit to Britain.

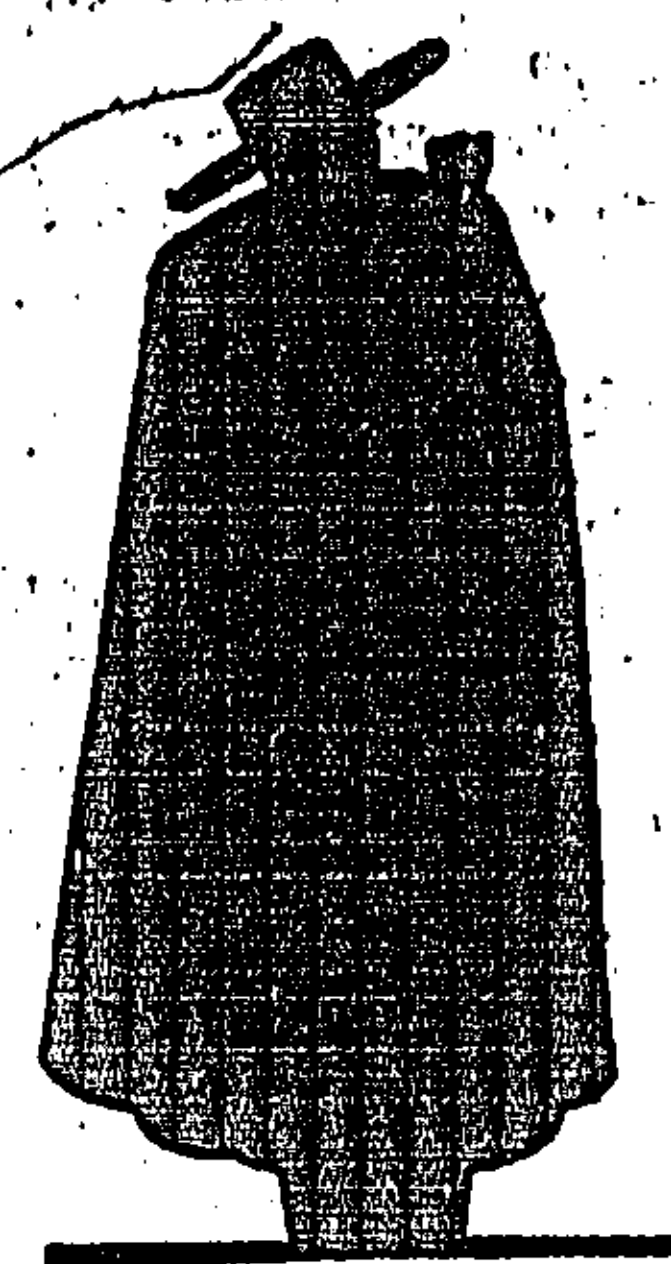
The British High Commissioner in Vienna, Sir Harold Caccia, arrived on board the same plane.

The official object of Dr Figl's visit is to thank the British Government for aid given to Austria since the end of the second world war.

Political circles, however, said that the talks Dr Figl would have with British officials could concern the urgent necessity for Austria of a State treaty to be signed with the four occupying powers.

The question of Austrian pre-war debts might also be discussed.

The total amount of the debts has not yet been worked out. —France-Press.



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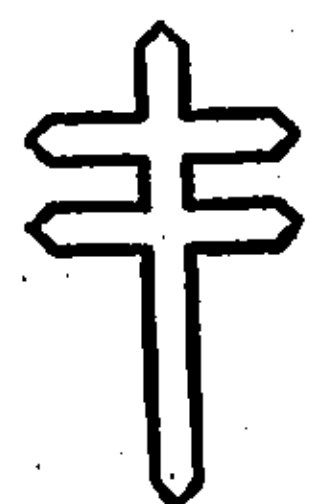
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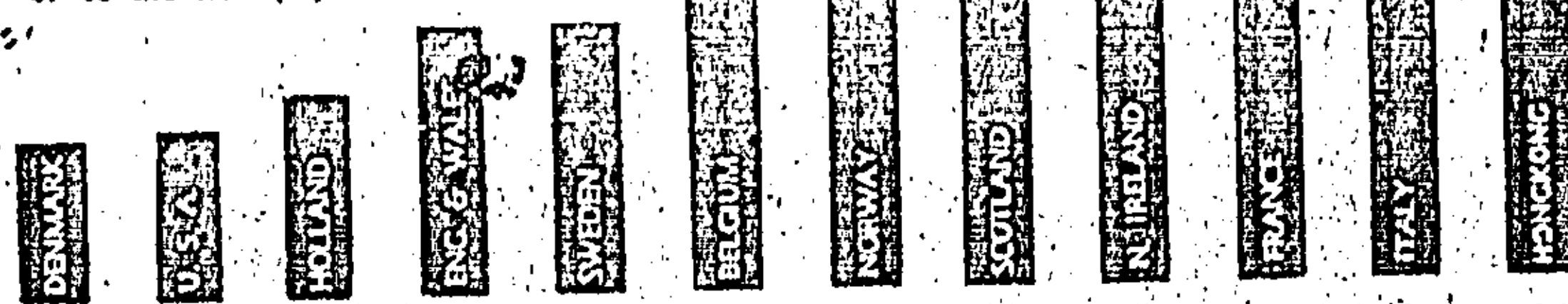
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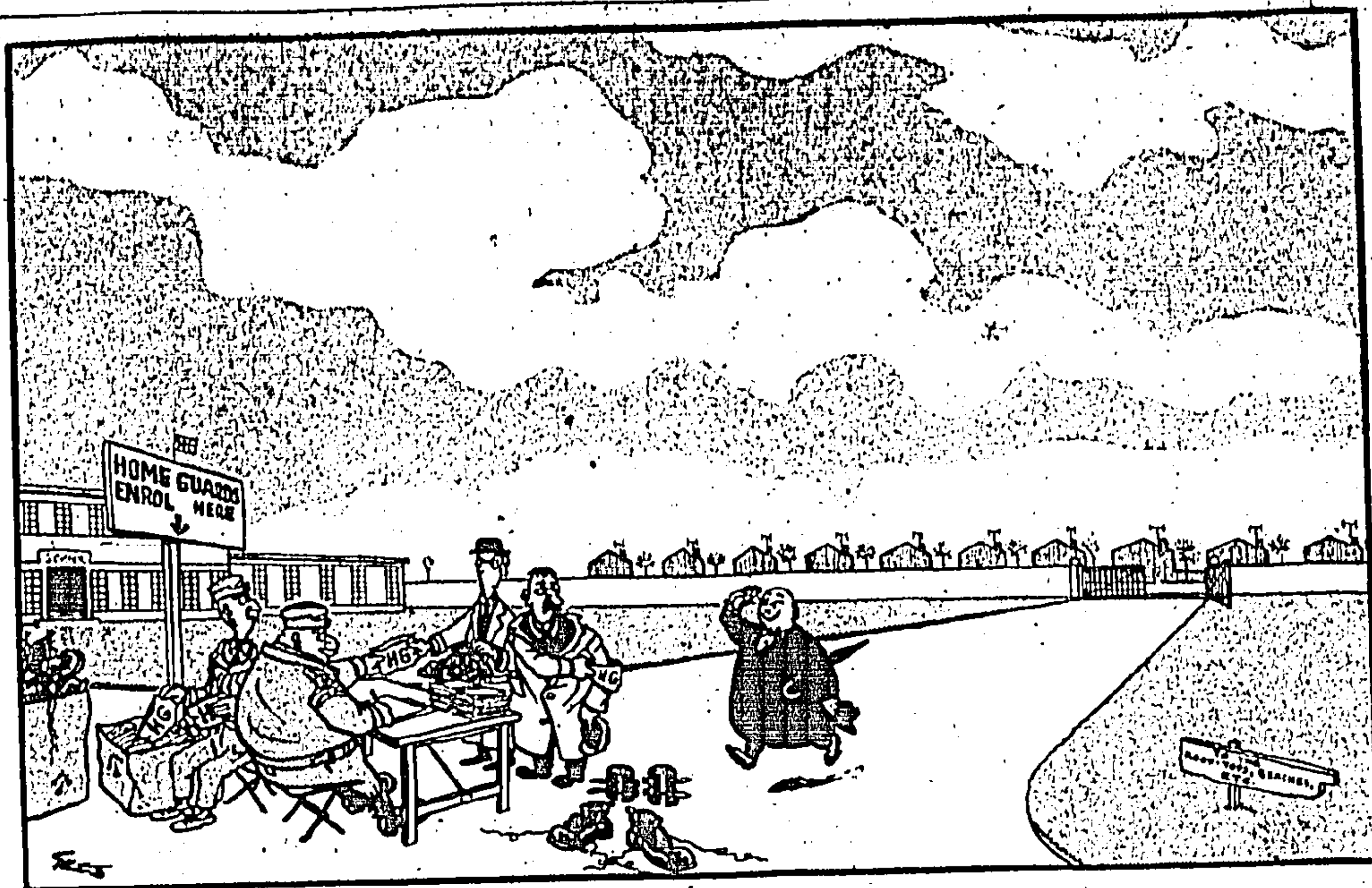
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★ DON IDDON'S DIARY ★

ALL QUIET IN THE GLASSHOUSE

New York, Tuesday. MAN could be forgiven for confusing the New York home of Lever Brothers with the headquarters of the United Nations. Both buildings are mammoth chunks of shining glass and stainless steel—strict, severe, and soaring to the sky. Both concentrate on air and light and sweeping space, and both have the aim of making the world a cleaner, better place.

The Lever building, however, is in the business of selling soap, and the United Nations building is peddling peace.

I have visited these two towers during the past few days to see what I could find. They are now New York's most modern and spectacular show-places, challenging the Empire State Building, the Rockefeller Center, and the Chrysler Building for first place.

Today is the official opening of the Lever palace. The place is breathtaking. The publicity literature is overwhelming.

But where, oh where is there any mention that the Lever Empire was inspired and built by Englishmen? Why not some tribute to the first Lord Leverhulme, some reference to Fort Sunlight?

They may learn.

THE gang of sidewalk superintendents who stand gaping at the glass and steel cliff say to me: "Some building, eh? Knock your eye out; never seen anything like it—just shows what we can do in America."

I say: "I suppose you know that the firm is British—international may be now, but originally British."

The sidewalk superintendents say they don't know, and rather give the impression they don't care. But it's only the opening day. Perhaps by the time New Yorkers have got used to their newest tower the word will have spread that it's not entirely an all-American project.

There are, of course, some differences between Lever House and the home of the United Nations.

Lever House cost only \$50,000,000. The United Nations headquarters cost \$65,000,000. And there seems to be more bustle and activity and sheer hard work going on in the soap establishment than in the peace palace.

In fact, it is hard to discover just what is taking place in the United Nations. The huge, glassed-in foyer was almost deserted when I arrived.

The place reminded me of a super-colossal hotel containing everything but guests. You are supposed to have a pass to get into the United Nations, but I slipped in without one.

One was using the glittering steel escalators. The idle lift-girls stood gossiping outside their empty elevators. The miles of new carpet were unrolled. The hundreds of futuristic couches, settees, chairs, desks, stools were unoccupied. I said to one of the guards: "Quiet, isn't it?" He said: "Yeah, it's mostly like this unless we have a crisis." He added wistfully: "We haven't had a crisis for a while."

Even Agency Row, where the newspaper offices are, was a ghost corridor. There was some slight activity in Reuters and the BBC offices.

Soviet publicity

THE Tass Bureau, Room C312, was not even graced by an office-boy. My guide said: "Haven't seen a Tass man for days; they don't use their place much, but his proper gang machine is working overtime."

He led me to the desks and cubby-holes where the correspondents collect their mail.

Stacked high were large envelopes bulging with pamphlets. One was addressed to the Daily Mail. It contained a lavishly produced magazine in colour called Soviet Union and bigger than Picture Post, a glossy green booklet entitled News, and a newspaper called Soviet Weekly. All were printed on good paper, written in good English, and profusely illustrated. All sang the greater glories of the USSR.

My guide said: "The Russians don't spare the money or the newspaper." I said: "Do the British distribute much stuff—you know, about Britain, the Commonwealth?" My guide said: "Not a thing, and I don't see much from the Americans either."

We concluded the tour of the vast building by inspecting the "little bar," where the barman, in white uniform, a few letters UN in blue on his lapel, admitted business was bad, and visiting the massive delegates' lounge, furnished obviously by multi-millionaires. There was no one in the delegates' lounge.

After further searching I did discover someone in action. Mrs Roosevelt was talk-

ing in the Trusteeship Council Chamber—another opulent auditorium—to a handful of officials and spectators.

There was no one, however, in the Security Council Chamber, and no one next door either.

My guide said: "There are people around, you know. The place is so big you don't see them much. As a matter of fact, there are 3,100 employees in the place right now. It was a real scramble for lunch today—the cafeteria couldn't handle them."

Worn joke

THE cafeteria's inability to handle the hungry and the inefficiency of the air-conditioning system are the two main gripes of the inhabitants of the United Nations. The worn joke is that the air-conditioning doesn't work very well because there is so much hot air from the delegates.

Personally, I would have welcomed a little hot air, any sort of air, as a sign of energy. I don't like to see this \$65,000,000 building being put to such little use.

When things are quiet, as they apparently are now (in strange contrast to the world outside), perhaps it would be a good idea to the scores of delegates, the palatial corridors for work of some kind. Maybe the United Nations could go into the information business when it finds time on its hands.

Possibly it could help Mr Elmo Roper, the pollster. Mr Roper has just announced that his recent survey reveals that 1,000,000 Americans think that Russia is on the side, and another 30,000,000 either have no opinion or think Britain is neutral in the struggle against Communism.

Job worth doing

HERE is a job for the United Nations—spread facts and provide foresight. Or the United Nations might tackle the question of American tariffs.

I was with a group of New York industrialists the other evening. They were incensed about the Moscow economic conference.

One man said angrily to me: "Surely you're not going to be fools enough to fall for all that guff in Moscow about signing contracts and doing trade? I am surprised that some of our fellows should have accepted their hospitality—their food, their drinks, their suits and their make-up. It's just sucker-bait."

I said: "We'd all of us sell here but what about your tariffs?" The business man said: "We have to protect our own trade. Besides, we are letting you have the dollars free, so what's the squawking about?"

Unless this pattern of thought, or lack of thought, can be changed the dollar gap will never be bridged.

On the home front we have had a tumultuous week, and face even more hectic days. There is to be another atomic bomb explosion.

It is too bad British correspondents are being barred from witnessing the experiments. The British helped to invent the bomb, but now their cor-

respondents are not allowed to sit in the Press box ten miles away from the explosion along with their American colleagues. What sort of co-operation is this?

In entertainment

THE theatrical season is now quietly folding up. Olivia de Havilland has come to town in "Candida" after a long and successful tour in the hinterland. Miss de Havilland has grace, beauty, and determination, but shows no deep perception or insight as Shaw's heroine.

A comedy entitled "To Be Continued" has also opened, starring Neil Hamilton. The title is hopeful but inappropriate.

Betty Hutton, who succeeded Jody Garland, hopes to appear at London's Palladium. If not, she will star in a musical film version of Noel Coward's "Design for Living." Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire would share the billing with Miss Hutton.

Ronald Colman and Charles Laughton, and Cornelius Neary, who played the part of the old Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., will probably do the job himself.

Bound for London

CLARK GABLE leaves for Paris next week and will then go to London to make the film "Two If By Sea." Alec Guinness will co-star with Gable. "Two If By Sea" is a wretched little play about a wrecked ship on the stage.

When a Hollywood actress met a New York critic the other night, she said: "You've rapped me so often I feel like a door."

What turns a Nobody into a Somebody?

by FRANK GOLDSWORTHY

WHO'S WHO, 1952, is out, and 1,002 new names take up alphabetical station among all the Somebodies.

As they have done since 1849 new Somebodies will be privately flicking through the pages, seeking their own entries; and Not-Yet-Ins will be disagreeing with a selection which leaves them out.

Who makes the selection?

Nobody holds an official position as selector. Who's Who is strictly private enterprise, a commercial reference book, and its prestige rests on its own integrity.

The Just Men who decide whether this name or that deserves a place confer in the inner offices of a publishing firm in Soho Square, W.

Their own names, even their number, have never been published. But they are constantly haunted by the Would-Be-Somebodies.

They never reveal what rules, if any, they have for selection—but sampling of the 40,000 names in the 3,190 pages of Who's Who, 1952, points to a general pattern.

The two big gateways are clearly public office and the London Gazette.

New Knights

PEERS inherit their entries along with their titles; and the drawbridge is lowered at once for a new knight or dame; but Who's Who is not a social register, and family connections are not enough.

In politics, a single success at the ballot box will win a life-long place, for once in you stay there.

Domination and foreign politicians must climb much higher to get a mention. Truman, Stalin, Nehru, Acheson, De Gaulle and Taft are there, and Hitler was; but Franco and Tito have never got there.

In the Services, rank, appointment, orders and medals point the way. A decorated brigadier may get there before an undistinguished major-general.

It is the same with the clergy. Bishops are certain, deans, and archdeacons stand a very good chance; canons are rare, but some of the longest entries concern parish parsons with gifted pens or silver tongues.

On page one

IN the Civil Service List the low-water mark wavers through the under-secretaries and dips occasionally among the assistant secretaries to scoop in men with C.B.s after their names.

One of this year's newcomers, on Page One, is twice

married Mrs Elsie Myrtle Abbott, an under-secretary at the Treasury since 1950.

[One of the mixed blessings of becoming a Somebody is that Mrs Abbott's friends will now all know she is 44; career women rarely shirk the "date of birth" line in the preliminary questionnaire.]

Gallantry can earn a place in Who's Who, but only when it is recognised as being of the highest order. Private Bill Sprakman's Korea V.C. came too late for this issue, but he will be there with other V.C.s from 1953 for as long as he lives.

On the stage and screen a West End hit or a Hollywood Oscar is not enough; recognition goes to men and women whom the years have proved capable of holding their places at the top of their professions.

Just as tough

IT is just as tough in radio. Kenneth Adam, Controller of the Light Programme, is one of this year's newcomers, joining Wilfred Pickles, O.B.E., and "Arthur Bowden Askey, theatrical artist." But many long-loved names are missing—Jim Edwards, of "Take It From Here," will be in next year—as Edwards, James, M.A., Rector of Aberdeen University.

Television, it seems, has not yet arrived. George Reginald Barnes, its director, has 18 lines, but there is no sign of his departmental chiefs. And the 37 lines about Terry Thomas refer to the distinguished headmaster of Leeds Grammar School.

For sportsmen, whose top-of-the-free-careers are often short, the gate is narrow. Gordon Richards, Jack Hobbs ("retired professional cricketer"), and Walter Hammond (company director) are there, and, of course, Sir Donald Bradman.

But Len Hutton and Denis Compton, the long-reigning motor-cycle ace Stanley Woods, his successor Geoff Duke, racing driver Stirling Moss, runner Sydney Wooderson, and boxers Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis, Randolph Turpin, Bruce Woodcock, tennis players, Fred Perry, Bunny Austin, Tony Mottram, and Geoffrey Pals, footballers Stanley Matthews and Stanley Mortensen are all missing.

A fair bet

NEITHER wealth nor industrial power will, of themselves, get a man into Who's Who.

Certainly nobody can buy his way in. For the Just Men, anxious to kill a persistent slander, devote one of the three paragraphs in their unsigned preface to saying: "It cannot be stated too emphatically that inclusion in Who's Who has never at any time been a matter for payment or of obligation to purchase the volume."

But it is still a fair bet that some of the 1,002 will feel flattered enough to spend £5 on Who's Who, 1952.

GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY

By A Doctor

THE dread of old age is keenest in youth, when we can really feel the poignancy of Andrew Marvell's words:

But at my back I always hear
Time's winged chariot hurrying near.

However, anticipation is always worse than realization. People who think they will hate growing old would do well to read Mr. Kenneth Walker's "Commentary on Age" (Jonathan Cape, 12s. 6d.) for here is a book to bring them comfort.

Mr. Walker, who is a well-known surgeon and authority on metaphysics, with a special leaning toward Eastern philosophies, is himself approaching very close to 70. In his experience old age is far less disconcerting at close quarters than it appeared at a distance; he mentions particularly the relief of being able to abandon for good attempts to appear younger than one is.

What is the best preparation for growing old? First of all, it is up to the medical profession to prevent the common bodily disorders which so often make life a misery to the aged.

It is perhaps a tall order to prevent rheumatism, bronchitis and shortness of breath, though it will surely be possible one day, but it should be easy to launch a successful medical attack on one of the banes of existence of many elderly persons—sore feet.

Any middle-aged person who thinks he or she is developing one of the crippling disorders which are wrongly believed to be the inevitable accompaniment of advancing years, should see a doctor straight away.

In matters of diet and exercise common sense should be the guide. Mr. Walker does not think that tobacco and alcohol in moderation are harmful in old age. In fact he agrees with the proverb that "Wine is the milk of old people." But smoking must be cut down on the appearance of signs of intolerance to tobacco—shown by irregularity of the heartbeat, palpitations, and abdominal pain.

The physical preparation for old age need not begin until middle life, but mental consent must be given much earlier on. Many elderly people die from boredom.

In Kenneth Walker's view the usual hobbies and sports of a House of Commons.

retired man—he mentions golf, fishing and dancing—are all very well in their way and certainly help to relieve monotony, but they fail to reconnect such a person with the active world from which he has been expelled.

The secret of a successful old age is creative activity. We cannot all be Winston Churchills and during the eighth decade of life write masterpieces of historical narrative in the intervals of being Prime Minister, but we can if we feel like it adopt one Churchill hobby and try to paint pictures.

We might even put some bricks together and build a house or at least a shed.

Old age, of course, necessarily entails some drastic changes. Movement gets difficult, memory tends to let one down, and hearing becomes less acute.

Battling doggedly against these handicaps will not improve matters: it is better to give in gracefully and walk with a stick, admit to falling memory (Mr. Walker confesses to being unable to remember the number of his house) and once invited some friends to dinner with a hearing aid, as Mr. Churchill has done in the House of Commons.



"I think I've solved the problem. Just one of us will eat."

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

NOT long ago I supported the complaints of librarians against their customers. Wishing to exaggerate I denounced those readers who use kippers and eggs and bacon as book-marks and forget to withdraw them when returning the books. Today I read that kippers and bacon have been found in books at a Kettering library. As a leader of literary fashions I am gratified to have started yet another. Meanwhile, I shall be proud to open a new wing of any library by marking certain chosen books with porridge, sprats, or cloaked marmalade, and saying a few well-chosen words.

The Gamma-bomb (XV)

THE tension was well-nigh intolerable. Suddenly all the lights of the airport went out, and then on again. It was a brilliant signal. Ding-dong! A car had been sighted by the look-out man on a local gas-main. Nothing was heard but the click of safety-catches, the intake of breath, and the voice of a querulous lady who had lost her niece. But what! Ding-dong! Is too vile a bird to be caught so easily. On drawing near the airport she saw swarms of faces peeping out from behind everything. The audible antennae on her fore-

head telephoned to her brain. "Something is up!" yelled the inaudible nerve-terminals. Dearly she swung the handle of a heap of muck at the roadside, leaping through the darkness to the back of the air-hostess canteen. The look-out man meanwhile reported that the car was not the one expected and had disappeared in another direction. The vigil continued, while Ding-dong entered the canteen by a larger window. At this moment Koolruk, disguised as Egham, was hearing the airport. So was Egham, disguised as Koolruk. I say! What a muddle!

I fell rather a fool

THE headline Boy Files Here induced me to rifle up the only Japanese fly-socker I know well enough to bother. I suggested that these must be girl flies, as the boys are still asleep behind pictures. He said that the headline referred to King Faisal of Iraq on his way to Harrow. We both laughed heartily and he said, "Sorry you've been misled, as the exchange supervisor said to the eldest of his triplets."

Nothing to do with me

ON her arm she carries a handbag made from an old hat that once belonged to a Persian dancer.

(Caption under picture.)

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

THURSDAY, MAY 8

BORN today, you have a knack for being able to meet and handle people with ease. You would probably do well in a selling job, for you know how to make a point and stick to it. You are a natural leader, and you will lack a proper degree of self-confidence. But given a certain amount of success, you must avoid becoming too confident by nature, you are gentle and kindly, but in the world of hard knocks you may have to learn to fight back. It would be well for you to cultivate a sense of humour, for you are a little lacking in that element. You can laugh when the joke is on someone else—but when it is on you, you are apt to lose your sense of humour—and fast!

FRIDAY, MAY 9

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Promotion, advance and all things connected with publishing are highly favoured just now. GEMINI (May 21-June 21)—Signs are good for either social or business progress. Put forth your best efforts at this time. CANCER (June 21-July 21)—Good aspects exist for combining business and family affairs judiciously. LEO (July 21-Aug. 21)—If you have spoken hastily and hurt a friend, make amends. Heal wounds and save a friendship. VIRGO (Aug. 21-Sept. 21)—Guard against a loss of personal property. If interested in society or politics, make advance now. LIBRA (Sept. 21-Oct. 21)—Don't make a mistake in the hours of an appointment, and the departure of a train. Can be important! SCORPIO (Oct. 21-Nov. 21)—Be optimistic in making future plan. What you do today can determine the future. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 21-Dec. 21)—Make a real effort to finish up some important job today. Don't leave loose ends. CAPRICORN (Dec. 21-Jan. 20)—An evening at home with your

INTELLIGENCE TEST

BOUNTY

By T. O. HARE

STOATS three daughters—Sarah, Stephanie and Sylvia—were out walking one day when they were asked them for some. Their response was a curious one. Each said she had a different amount of silver coins, or shillings. Each had five shillings worth of coins in all, and each had a different assortment from that of her sisters. After consultation, the three girls decided to themselves one half of their aggregate number of shillings, and handed over the remainder of their silver.

(Solution on Page 10)

Check Your Knowledge

1. Name the king whom Joan of Arc placed upon the throne of France.
2. For whom were the continents of North and South America named?
3. What school formerly stood on the site of the Northgate Training College?
4. What is a mohair?
5. Who discovered that the Milky Way is composed of myriads of tiny stars?
6. Where was the home of the Queen of Sheba?

(Answers on Page 10)

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Always Think Before You Start to Play

By OSWALD JACOBY

AS most bridge players know, A Vanderbilt "invented" contract bridge during an ocean voyage in November, 1925, and he has also been one of the outstanding players of the game since that time.

In the hand shown today, played by Vanderbilt some years ago in a tournament played for his own cup, West led a ten of diamonds. It was immediate finesse would have been fatal, since East would have taken the queen of clubs.

Vanderbilt put up dummy's ace of diamonds, cashed the ace and king of spades, and entered dummy with the queen of hearts to lead the jack of clubs.

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Ready-to-wear Beat Skyrocket-price Clothes of Paris Couture Houses

By PEGGY MASSIN

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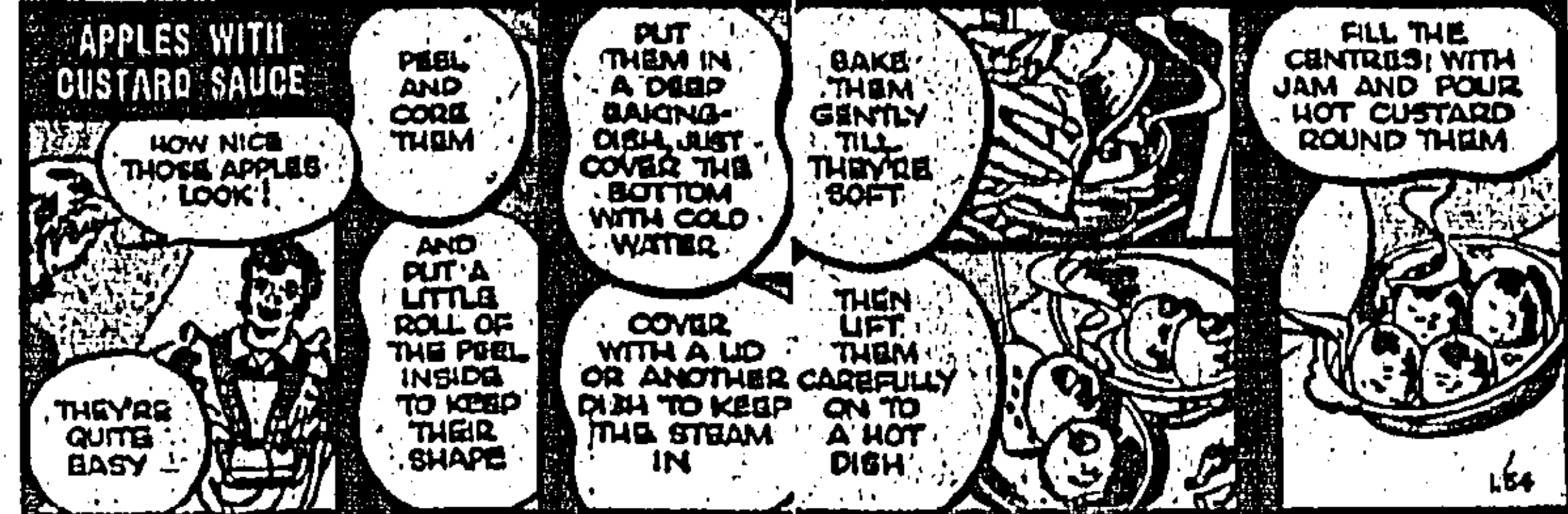
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RECEPTION TO INDIAN CRICKETERS



Viscount Mountbatten, a former Viceroy of India, with D. G. Phadkar and Vijay Hazare, the captain, at the Savoy where members of the Indian Test team were entertained by the British Sportsman's Club. — Central Press Photo.

Jean ADO—Who Survived A Death Sentence—Is The French Golf Champion

By DENNIS HART

One of the most colourful characters in the British golf season which just started is Jean Baptiste ADO, the broad-shouldered Basque from the little French town of St Jean de Loz.

But few of the spectators who applaud his prodigious driving — he is perhaps the longest hitter in the game — know the hazards Jean has had to surmount to be present on this year's golfing scene.

He has overcome the effects of two broken legs, a broken arm, and survived a death sentence.

First the death sentence. Jean was taken prisoner when fighting in Belgium in 1940. He was moved around various camps, and finally in 1945, when things were going from bad to worse for the Germans—he was dragged from his sleep at four o'clock one grey morning, and taken with eighteen of his comrades to be shot.

RAN FOR HIS LIFE

The solemn procession marched with hands tied, to the place of execution. When they arrived, Jean who had been struggling to free his hands, broke loose. He killed the nearest guard with one blow, and ran for his life.

The other guards turned their machine guns on him at point-blank range, but by a miracle, he was not hit. After many weeks on the run, he reached Yugoslavia, and finished the war fighting with Tito's partisans.

His injuries were sustained in less than a year on the run. Until last winter Jean played second row forward for St. Jean de Loz Olympique, one of the best clubs in France.

In 1939 on different occasions he broke his left arm and right leg, and last November the right leg again. It was after

Director Named For Melbourne Olympic Games

Melbourne, May 7.

Organisation of the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne will be directed by Mr. Arthur William Coles, former Chairman of the Australian National Airlines Commission.

This was announced today by Mr. W. S. Kent Hughes, Chairman of the Olympic Games Organising Committee.

"I feel confident that under Coles' guiding hand the organisation of the Games will proceed with speed and smoothness," said Mr. Kent Hughes. Coles, a former Lord Mayor of Melbourne and one-time member of the Federal House of Representatives, has proved himself an able administrator.

—REUTERS.

Inter-School Badminton

Playing their last scheduled Inter-School Badminton match yesterday, La Salle College beat King George V School by 5-0 to assure themselves of a place in the final playoffs.

THE RESULTS
Ed Marquell (LS) beat J. Sharpe (KG) 2-0.
Robert Heng (LS) beat J. Marshall (KG) 2-1.
D. Castro and Lo Wing-shing (LS) beat M. Robertson and B. Szoldel (KG) 15-7, 12-15, 15-3.

Route de France Cycle Race

Royan, May 7.

The Frenchman Roger Julien won the fourth stage of the "Route de France" amateur cycle road race, Pousaugues-Royan, covering the distance of 160 kilometres in 4 hrs. 25 mins. 8 secs.

Other placings were:
T. J. Nollan (Holland-Denmark) same time.
Alain Leont (Flanders) 4 hrs. 25 mins. 18 secs.
Han Anderson (Holland-Denmark) same time.
Alain Leont (Flanders) took the lead in the general classification. —REUTERS.

INDIANS DISMISS SURREY FOR 219 RUNS, THEN LOSE FOUR WICKETS FOR 64

London, May 7.

After an unimpressive beginning, the Indians put in some sensational work at Kennington Oval to dismiss Surrey for 219 runs. But in reply, they had lost four good wickets for only 64 runs when play ceased on the first day.

The wicket appeared damp in the morning and Hazare's decision to put Surrey in after winning the toss might have been partly influenced by an intention to let his men have an opportunity to study the wicket before batting on it.

The wicket, however, showed itself completely to the dead side batters, only one ball, from Chowdhury, lifting nastily to snare Constable. Later on the day the sun made it subscribe to a lot of spin and Laker fully exploited the situation to send back three batsmen. During the time that Surrey batted the wicket played easy and Hazare must have been an alarmed man when the home team's total crept towards 200 with only three wickets down.

DRAMATIC SEQUENCE
But then Ramchand turned in a game a live sequence sent back three batsmen, his analysis for the spell making the astounding reading of 44 overs, two maidens, five runs, five wickets. Fletcher and Eric Bledsoe obtained most of their runs off rank bad bowling in which the generally steady Hiralal Gakwad was conspicuous.

After the openers had left, veteran Fishlock and Parker were associated in a century partnership. Parker made good use of his height to drive powerfully while Fishlock was a mixture of first streaky and later glorious strokes. Then Ramchand brought himself into the limelight with the second new ball with which he often befuddled the batsmen by making a ball go straight through when they expected it to come in vice-versa. Three men, Parker, McIntyre and Alec Bedser, were off to balls to which they offered no stroke.

When the Indians went in they found Laker at his spinning best on a turf which the day's sun had rendered far more responsive in the evening. Sarwat, Umrigar and Roy all three made the mistake of playing back instead of coming out and smothering the spin. But that is something they have come here to learn and time alone can perfect them.

THE SCOREBOARD
Surrey, First Innings
Fletcher, c. Mantri, b. Shinde 47
Eric Bedser, c. Ramchand, b. Shinde 40
Constable, c. Umrigar, b. Chowdhury 2
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Fishlock, c. Mantri, b. Ramchand 57
Parker, lb.w., b. Ramchand 62
Whitaker, lb.w., b. Ramchand 5
McIntyre, lb.w., b. Ramchand 7
Laker, c. Shinde, b. Ramchand 0
Alec Bedser, lb.w., b. Phadkar 0
Surridge, b. Phadkar 0
Lock, not out 0
Extras 9
Total: 219

Bowling Analysis
Phadkar 22 4 61 2
Ramchand 13 3 20 5
Chowdhury 17 4 45 1
Gakwad 4 0 28 0
Shinde 19 0 42 2
Hazare 3 1 5 0
Sarwat 3 0 0 0
Byes 7, Leg-byes 2

Indians, First Innings
Roy, lb.w., b. Laker 11
Sarwat, lb.w., b. Laker 13
Umrigar, b. Laker 1
Hazare, b. Laker 5
Phadkar, not out 18
Mantri, not out 10
Total (for 4 wickets) 64

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—REUTERS.

COUNTY CRICKET
A Derbyshire seventh wicket stand of 99 between "Dusty" Rhodes and Derek Morgan followed Middlesex in their opening County Cricket Championship match of the season at Lords today.

Middlesex appeared to have landed a gamble when, after putting Derbyshire in to bat on a drying pitch, they took six 184 runs over off Denis Compton. Rhodes hit two fours and a six. He was out lb.w. for 60 runs, while Morgan went on to complete his half century in 65 minutes.

Bill Parish, captaining Middlesex, made 60 of his side's 184 runs for three wickets. With Denis Compton (40 not out), Edrich helped to put on 90 runs for the third wicket. Close of play scores for the day were:

At Lords — Derbyshire 215 (Rhodes 60, Morgan 57); Middlesex 134 for three (W. Edrich 60).

At Cambridge — Essex 242 (Dodd 50); Cambridge University 75 for two.

At Oxford — Yorkshire 400 for eight (Hulton 65, Wilson 154) versus Oxford University.

At Birmingham — Warwickshire 54 for no wickets—versus Hampshire. Play did not begin until 5.30 BST owing to the saturated wicket.

At Worcester — Royal Air Force 143 for three declared. (Fenner 54, Shirreff 57); Worcestershire 72 for three (two-day match). —REUTERS.

Hutton Or Compton?

NEVILLE CARDUS HANDS THE BOUQUET TO YORKSHIRE

To begin the English cricket season with an argument.

In the post-war history of the game two England batsmen stand out—Len Hutton and Denis Compton. But which is the greater cricketer of the two?

TAX ON SPORT

Mr Butler Throws In The Towel

London, May 7.

Mr R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, "threw in the towel" in the House of Commons last night after Members of all parties — some of them famous names in sport — had flailed his proposal for a higher entertainment tax on football and cricket.

He announced concessions which went some way to meet their demand.

Sir Wavell Wakefield (Conservative), a former England Rugby captain, said that the higher tax might cause tours by English cricket teams to Australia, South Africa, India and other countries to be abandoned.

Other Members said some County cricket teams might have to close down altogether.

Mr Butler announcing "considerable concessions" said he would defer the higher duty from August 31 to September 13, which would exclude the game any higher tax this year.

He also promised to watch attentively this season and the position of the clubs on the old rate of duty. If he found it really bad for the future of the "great game" he would reconsider the higher tax proposal before the next season began.

Sir Wavell Wakefield had earlier said he got his information about Overseas tours being jeopardised from the retiring Secretary of the M.C.C. R.S. Hall-Ken said that if the new tax was maintained the M.C.C. would cease to exist within the next 10 years. —REUTERS.

DECISION WELCOMED

London, May 7.

Association and rugby football chiefs today welcomed R.A. Butler's decision to review the position of the new entertainment tax on "games."

Mr Butler announced this in the House of Commons today, when he said he was prepared to defer the date for the increase of duty on cricket from Aug. 31 to September 13.

Mr Howarth, Football League Secretary, said: "Information obtained from all clubs as to the effect of the higher tax can be sent to the Chancellor at any time he likes."

Clubs will hold their annual general meeting in London on June 7, and whether or not there is to be some change in the entertainment tax, provision will have to be made for next season "just in case," Mr. Howarth added. —REUTERS.

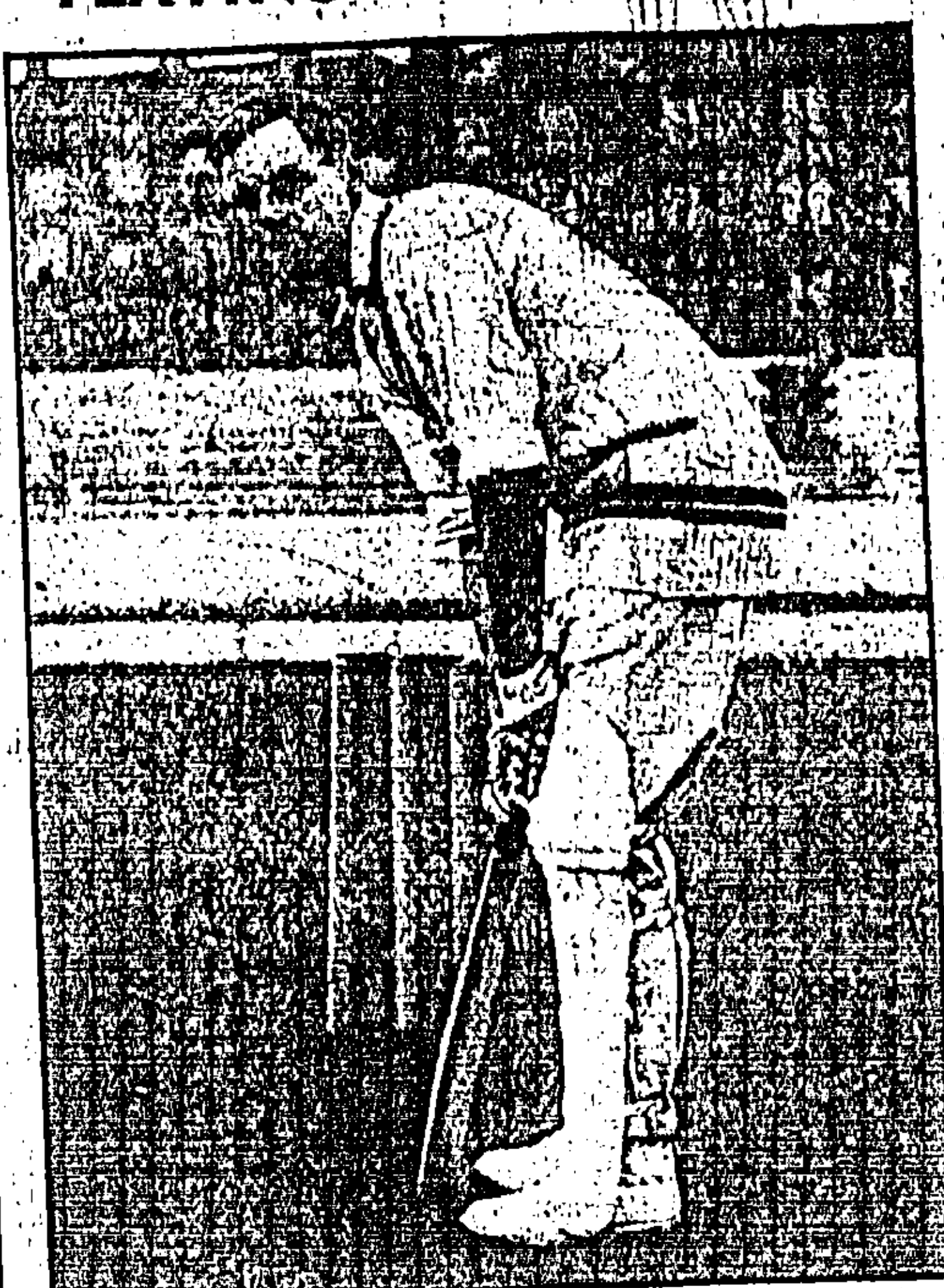
AUSTRIA BEATS IRE 6-0

Vienna, May 7.

Austria beat Ireland by six goals to nil in a soccer international here today, after leading 4-0 at half-time.

The Austrians outplayed Ireland in all departments. —REUTERS.

PLAYING FOR SURREY



Peter May, Cambridge and England batsman, is playing for Surrey this season. —Central Press Photo.

GEOFF DUKE IS ALL SET TO KEEP ON BEING A CHAMPION

Geoffrey Duke, world motor-cycle champion and recently elected "Sportsman of the Year" in Britain by national ballot, added yet another honour to his long list of successes when he rode at Codogno (Italy).

Competing in the sixth international motor-cycle race, Duke not only won the event, but also set up a new course record of 82.37 m.p.h. for the 110 mile circuit.

His brilliant riding suggests that he is all set to repeat his triumphs of last year, when he won both the 350 cc and 500 cc world titles.

MANY YEARS TO COME
Indeed, it seems that barring accidents, he will be winning championships for many years to come, for at 29 Geoff has no thought of retiring.

And he still has the same enthusiasm for the sport that he showed when as a school-boy he raced madly round a cinder track on an old crock, which he and two of his pals had bought for ten shillings.

As his elder brother Eric had met with a serious accident whilst riding a motor-cycle, Geoff's activities, so the untold story, did not take kindly to parents who did not take kindly to his riding. So he was sent to a boarding school, where he would slip away to the track without telling a soul.

He did this for a year, and when he finally told the family they were so pleased that he had not had an accident, that he was forgiven. Since then his mother has become his most ardent fan.

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IRON NERVE
In that split second, he showed that iron nerve and quickness of thought which were later to prove so invaluable. Straining every muscle, he wrenched his handlebars up, and just managed to carry his machine over the heads of the twelve men.

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THE RESULTS
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Chan Shuen-chung and Chiu Hin-ye (SP) beat Ho Tin-fat and Tang Kwai-lit 6-1, 5-0.
Wah Yee (AM) 3, Chatham English School 1.
Eddie Cheng (WYAM) lost to D Khan 0-6, beat Walter Kwik 5-3.
Kan Yuet-lung (WYAM) beat Walter Kwik 6-2.
D. Cheng and F. Fung beat S. Leung and L. Ho 2-2, 4-2.
LEAGUE GAMES POSTPONED
The postponed league game in Men's "B" Division between South China and Chinese Recreation Club "A" was again postponed because of conditions of courts at South China, King's Park.

TODAY'S GAMES
MEN'S "C" DIVISION
KITC v. CRC
Recreio v. KCC
CCC v. CRC "A"
KIT v. PORC
LRC v. KCC
HKU v. SCAA
Mixed Doubles "B" Division
LRC v. SCAA
KIT v. Recrio
KCC v. CCC

Inter-School
Tennis League
Under Way

St. Paul's Co-educational College and Wah Yee A.M. College both won their opening games in the Inter-School Tennis League at the Chinese Recreation Club yesterday.

St. Paul's proved too strong for Queen's College, clinching the issue with three matches in a row and only conceding two games in the process. It took Wah Yee A.M. four matches to win their decision from Chatham School, whose first singles representative, D. Khan, scored a good 6-0 win over Wah Yee's Eddie Chan for Chatham School's only set.

The matches are being played on Davis Cup lines, but to the best of one set in the singles and to the best of three sets in the doubles.

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"SHENGKING"	Keelung	5 p.m. 10th May
"SOOCHOW"	Bangkok	10 a.m. 11th May
"FENGNING"	Djakarta, Semarang, Sourabaya & Menara	10 a.m. 13th May
"FUNGING"	Yokohama, Kobe	10 a.m. 14th May
"SHANSI"	Osaka, Nagoya	10 a.m. 15th May
"HUNAN"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 17th May
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	5 p.m. 17th May
"FUKIEN"	Singapore, Penang & Port Swettenham	10 a.m. 18th May
"KONTUM"	Salon & Phnom Penh	10 a.m. 20th May
"HUPEH"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 23rd May

ARRIVALS FROM		
"SOOCHOW"	Kobe	Noon. 8th May
"FENGNING"	Kobe	10th May
"FUNGING"	Singapore	10th May
"SHANSI"	Bangkok	12th May
"HUNAN"	Tientsin	13th May
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	7 a.m. 15th May
"FUKIEN"	Kobe	17th May

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ARRIVALS FROM		
"CHANGTE"	Kure	In Port
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"CYCLOPS"	Jeddah, London & Rotterdam	15th June
"BELLEROPHON"	Dublin & Liverpool	20th June

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S. "AUTOMEDON"	Sailed	15th May
G. "PYRRHUS"	do	17th May
S. "ATREUS"	do	23rd May
G. "BELLEROPHON"	do	31st May
S. "CYCLOPS"	5th May	10th June
G. "PELEUS"	12th May	17th June
S. "ANTILLOCHUS"	18th May	23rd June
G. "AUTOLYCUS"	25th May	1st July
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"BENWYVIE"	U.K. via Singapore	14th June

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	TO	LOADING ON OR ABT.
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"BENMACDHUI"	(Direct to Singapore, thence Havre, London & Antwerp)	20th May
"BENVORLICH"	Kure, Yokohama & Kobe	10th June
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Hong Kong, May 8, 1952.

Kent Has The Finest Fighter Base

London, May 7.
Manston Airfield, Kent, now occupied by a 1st wing of the United States Air Force, is "the finest fighter base in the world."
This is the view of the American commanding officer, Colonel Philip Ardery.
He took over command of the station after arriving in this country in November.
The Colonel, who in civilian life is a lawyer, made his first visit to this country about nine years ago, when he landed a Liberator aircraft at an RAF station near Norwich.
"It was at the time of the 1000-bomber raids," he said. "When I heard the skies thundering with the sound of aircraft engines, and heard the planes return at dawn, I promised myself never to forget what the RAF were doing in the war."
"The spirit of unity between the RAF and the USAF is a magnificent thing, and is something which my officers and men will always remember."

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Malaya Worried By Sharp Fall In Price Of Rubber

Singapore, May 7.
Perturbation is being felt in rubber circles in Malaya over the sharp fall in the price of rubber in the past two days of nearly 12 cents to 93 1/2 Straits cents per pound.
Singapore dealers said the drop was caused by a rush to sell on the part of Federation producers and small-holders who had feared a further fall in prices.

The British-owned Straits Times in an editorial today supported this view but added: "There was some indication yesterday that most of this stock has been disposed of, if so the market ought to show signs of recovery by the end of the week, but it is clearly going to be extremely sensitive for some little time."
The paper said Malaya will be fortunate if rubber holds at about a Straits dollar for the next few months and perhaps still more fortunate if it holds at 75 cents around the end of the year.
But neither figure will be possible unless America buys for stockpiles.
Other Singapore rubber dealers said a lack of foreign orders was another cause of the price drop.
A spokesman of the Rubber Producers Council in Kuala Lumpur said the fall might be due to the transition period of change-over from Government to private buying in America and might be temporary, although recent trends had caused much uneasiness to producers.
The price for top quality rubber today closed at 93 1/2 cents a pound against 93 3/4 yesterday.

Dispute Over Water

Washington, May 7.
A four-year-old dispute between India and Pakistan over water rights reached Washington today.
A conference here was attended by engineers from both countries and representatives of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.
The dispute concerns the supply of water to Pakistan's irrigation canals from the Indus River system passing through India.
The conference, according to Bank sources, will continue indefinitely and no public announcement will be made until it has ended.—Reuter.

OFFICIAL'S VIEW
Mr Ng Quee Lam, Vice-President of the Singapore Rubber Trade Association, representing Chinese traders, said today that the Ottawa conference should investigate the natural rubber situation in order to prevent a further price drop in Malaya.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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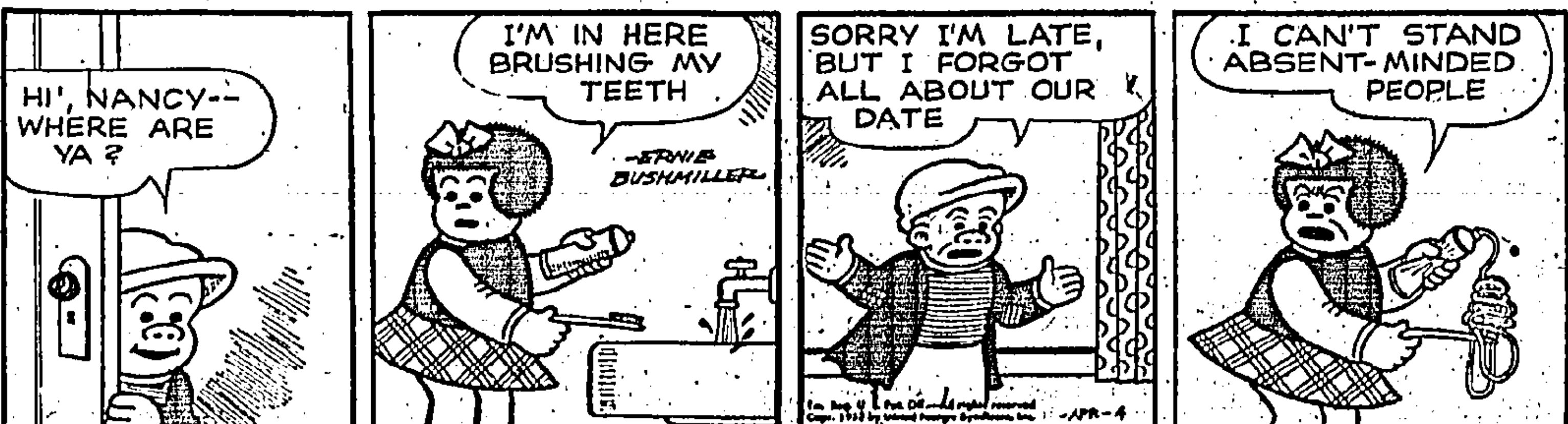
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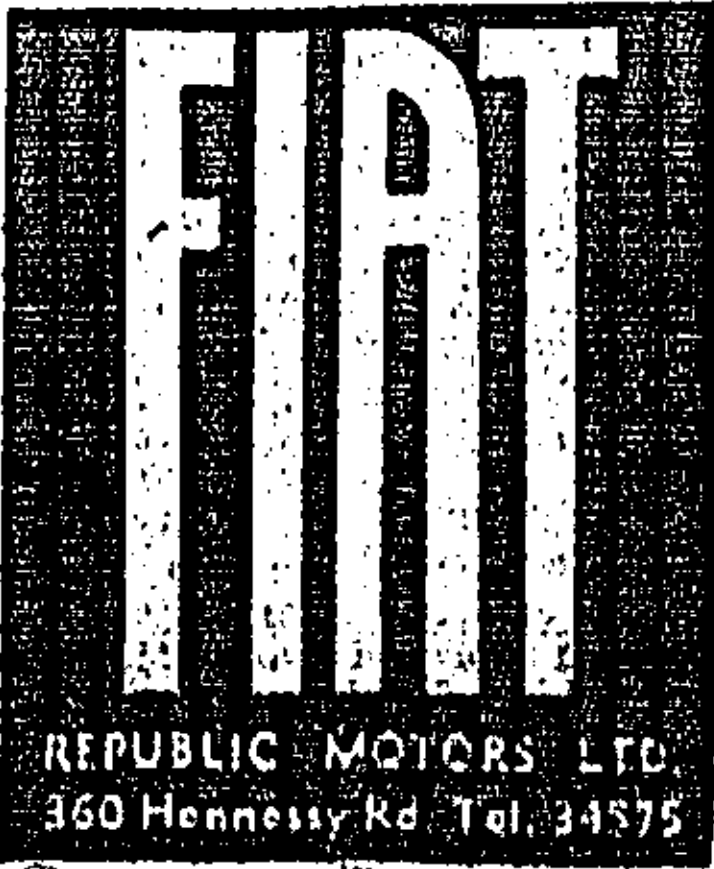
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AIRFIELD SABOTAGE THEORY

Washington, May 7.
The representative of the builders of American air bases in French Morocco today charged that delaying and bargaining tactics by the French Government helped to delay the vast airfield construction programme there.
The builders, Atlas Contractors, a group of five independent firms, appeared before a Senate investigating committee to defend themselves against allegations of waste and mismanagement in the hitherto secret work.
Mr J. E. Bonny of the Atlas group declared that the builders had been hampered by confusion and uncertainties.
This, he said, was created by insufficient and delayed United States Government funds, countermanded orders, lack of plans and instructions issued by the French Protectorate Government.
He urged the committee to give full weight to the possibility that there may be a definite effort under way by those whose interests would be served to disrupt the construction of these bases by any means possible.
Questioned by the Committee, Mr Bonny said that he was referring to the Soviet Union and did not intend his statement to reflect on other witnesses.
He said that the contractors had suspected some sabotage in the work and had transmitted their suspicions to the Army Department.—Reuter.

New U.S. Envoy

Rome, May 7.
Ellsworth Bunker, new U.S. Ambassador to Italy, presented his credentials to President Luigi Einaudi at Quirinale Palace today. Mr Bunker, whose last post was Buenos Aires, succeeded James C. Dunn, now U.S. Ambassador to France.—Associated Press.



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Arriving	Leaving	Outward For
"LAKE MICHIGAN" May 9	May 9	Japan
"DOCTEUR VERSEN" May 13	May 13	Japan
"HIL HAKEIM" June 10	June 22	Japan
Homeward For		
"BEAUVAIS" May 18	May 20	N. Africa & Europe
"FELIX ROUSSEL" May 23	May 23	Marseilles via Manila
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Threat To PI Hog Industry

Manila, May 7.
Thousands of hogs are dying in Capiz Province daily from hog cholera which threatens to wipe out the province's hog industry.

Only an immediate shipment of hog vaccine from Manila can control the plague. The pestilence has been aggravated by lack of water since it has not rained in the province since January. — France-Press.

A Free Pound By Year-End

PREDICTION BY LORD WILMOT

New York, May 7.
A free British Pound by the end of the year is visualised here today by Lord Wilmot, former British Minister of Supply.

The continued success of the Sterling Area measures to wipe out the dollar gold deficit should make possible a free Pound for trade purposes, he said, though it would not include the freeing of capital. And there would not be another devaluation, he continued.

The recent greater austerity in Britain, and her decision to concentrate with regard to dollar exports—on metals and heavy industry were showing results already.

When overall trade balance is achieved (he hoped in late 1952) then strong medicine will be needed for application to the dollar deficit—£67,000,000 at the end of March. Cutting Britain's dollar imports, greater exports to the U.S., and some diverting of exports from non-dollar countries would be necessary. The freeing of the pound probably would not include the free transfer of capital, he added.

Lord Wilmot, who is in New York on one of his periodic finance and business visits, has also told American finance chiefs that he was disturbed and distressed at the rising demand for higher tariffs and other import restrictions in America.

Meanwhile American exchange dealers are now selling for \$2.58. ("And it was not long ago we were glad to get \$2.40," one of them said).—London Express Service.

5-Year-Plan Outlined For Australia

Melbourne, May 7.
A five-year plan to increase Australian food production and raise national income from exports by \$100,000,000 has been prepared by the Commonwealth Government.

The plan has been placed before a top level conference of State Ministers which sits as the National Agricultural Council.

Agriculture Minister McEwen hoped the targets would be reached in four years.

The targets include: wheat—14,000,000 acres to be cropped, which is 10,000,000 more than last year; meat—1,230,000 tons of beef, lamb and mutton, compared with the present yearly average of about 1,000,000; milk—1,350,000,000 gallons, an increase of 12 per cent; tobacco—20,000-acre crop, compared with 8,000 last year; cotton—60,000 acres.

The rise in the production of tobacco and cotton would save about £2,500,000 annually.

Lower Textile Sales

New York, May 7.
Mr. Frank Reichel, Chairman and President of the American Viscose Corporation, told the stockholders meeting that sales slumped 26 percent in the first quarter of 1952, compared with the similar period of last year. The company's curtailed production of cellophane, rayon and acetate textile yarns was due to the bad condition of other consumer goods. The demand for rayon staple continues.—United Press.

Dunlop Shares Down

London, May 7.
Dunlop Rubber shares tumbled 2s. to 35s. 9d. on the disclosure of group earnings of £4,607,000 compared with £5,003,000 the previous year. The dividend was unchanged at 15 per cent, plus a bonus of 2½ per cent, both less tax.—United Press.

BRAZIL FACED WITH GRAVE SHORTAGE OF U.S. DOLLARS

Rio de Janeiro, May 7.

Brazil is faced with a serious dollar shortage and the resulting economic difficulties may last two or three years, authoritative financial circles warned today.

With a crisis already apparently under way, Brazil's essential imports will be affected and there will not be even enough petroleum to run the nation's industries and vehicles, financial authorities said.

Newspapers, too, pointed out the gravity of the situation, saying that it will be felt by every Brazilian and calls for severe measures. The main factors in the situation were outlined as follows:

FOREIGN EXCHANGES IN N.Y.

New York, May 7.	
Canada—official	25 1/2 bid
England—official	25 1/2 bid
30-day futures	25 1/2 bid
60-day futures	25 1/2 bid
Australia	25 1/2 bid
New Zealand	25 1/2 bid
South Africa	25 1/2 bid
Belgium	25 1/2 bid
Denmark	25 1/2 bid
France	25 1/2 bid
West Germany	25 1/2 bid
Holland	25 1/2 bid
Italy	25 1/2 bid
Portugal	25 1/2 bid
Spain	25 1/2 bid
Sweden	25 1/2 bid
Switzerland	25 1/2 bid

MIDDLE EAST

Egypt	25 1/2 bid
Iran	25 1/2 bid
Turkey	25 1/2 bid

LATIN AMERICA

Argentina	25 1/2 bid
Bolivia	25 1/2 bid
Brazil	25 1/2 bid
Colombia	25 1/2 bid
Cuba	25 1/2 bid
Mexico	25 1/2 bid
Perez	25 1/2 bid
Uruguay	25 1/2 bid
Venezuela	25 1/2 bid

FAIR EAST

India	25 1/2 bid
Pakistan	25 1/2 bid
Hongkong	25 1/2 bid
Indonesia	25 1/2 bid
Singapore	25 1/2 bid
Japan	25 1/2 bid

The Rubber Markets

Singapore May 7.
Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

August	92 3/4-93
Number 2 rubber, June ..	89 1/4-94
Number 3 rubber, June ..	85 1/4-86
Number 4 rubber, June ..	93 1/2-94
Spot rubber, unbaled ..	89-90
Blanket crepe	89-90

—United Press

